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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED AND
VIA EMAIL: R5FOIA@EPA.GOV**

Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA Region 5 (MI-9J)
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: *Freedom of Information Act Request*

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

We represent the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (the Tribe), a sovereign Indian Tribe whose government is recognized by the United States. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Tribe requests that Region 5 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promptly provide the following information pertaining to EPA's approval of the State of Wisconsin's water quality management program under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C.A. § 12-51-1387:

- The most current application submitted to EPA Region 5 by the State of Wisconsin seeking approval of its water quality management program under the CWA.
- The organization chart and / or staffing resources presented by the State of Wisconsin in support of its application to EPA.
- All correspondence associated with EPA's most recent approval of the State of Wisconsin CWA program.

This request is being made by the Tribe in its official governmental capacity, and would inform and contribute significantly to the Tribe and its members' understanding of this matter. Moreover, this request is for governmental, public interest purposes and is not for commercial purposes. Accordingly, the Tribe, acting pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l), respectfully requests that all search, review, and copying fees associated with this request be waived. If this requested fee waiver is denied, please provide the undersigned with written notification of such denial.

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call me at (206) 682-3333.

Sincerely,

SHORT CRESSMAN & BURGESS PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard A. Du Bey', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops and a prominent horizontal stroke across the middle.

Richard A. Du Bey

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